GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PROPOSALS FOR STATE GOVERNMENT AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from some State Governments for setting up of their own airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): The State Government of Kerala proposes to set up an airline to operate flights to Gulf Region.

(c): According to the Government regulations, airlines must have a fleet of 20 aircraft and a minimum 5 years continuous flying experience in domestic sector before seeking overseas flight rights. Moreover the Government has also reserved the Gulf route for Air India and Indian Airlines for 3 years. As such, clearance has not been given to the State Government proposal.